upwards, so that more and more sophisticated Speed Boats and Communication Equipments can be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The State-wise break up of coastal police stations approved under the Coastal Security Scheme is, Gujarat-10, Maharashtra-12, Goa-3, Karnataka-5, Kerala-8, Tamil Nadu-12, Andhra Pradesh-6, Orissa-5, West Bengal-6, Puducherry-1, Lakshadweep-4 and Daman & Diu-1, (Total : 73). Manpower in these police stations will be provided by the State Governments/UT Administrations as per requirements assessed by them.

(b) According to information available in respect of 56 coastal police stations, 38 are in rural areas and 18 are in urban/semi-urban areas.

(c) No, sir.

(d) Revision in the budget allocation for the scheme can considered when necessary.

Federal Security Agency

2514. SHRI K.P.K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to create a Federal Security Agency to combat not only terrorism but also Drug Trafficking, Money Laundering, Linkage of Foreign Groups with Indian Criminal Gangs, etc.;

(b) whether concurrence for this proposal has been got from all the States, in view of the State List under the 7th Schedule of the Constitution; and

(c) whether the existing agencies are not competent enough to handle these problems effectively; if so, whether they would be strengthened to meet the future challenges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.